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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." The Amendment resubmits matter that was inadvertently deleted in the Amendment and Response filed September 13, 2001.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing combined with the prior Amendment and Response to Office Action, it is believed that all claims now pending are in proper form and are neither obvious nor anticipated by the relied upon art of record and are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph on page 3, line 24, beginning with "The negative electrode may be produced" has been amended as follows:

The negative electrode may be produced by dissolving a negative active material which can reversably intercalate/deintercalate lithium ion (i.e., carbonaceous materials such as crystalline carbon or amorphous carbon, or SnO₂) and a polyvinylidene binder in N-methyl pyrrolidone to make a slurry. The slurry is coated on a negative collector of the present invention and then dried. The negative collector preferably has a thickness of 20 μm or less and the Cu-based alloy foil with about 15 μm of thickness can be used for the collector without the deterioration of mechanical properties, such as its tensile strength.

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